



APPLICATION NO: 273286US0PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIROSHI SUGITATSU, ET AL. : EXAMINER: MCNELIS, K. A.  
SERIAL NO: 10/541,457 :  
FILED: JULY 6, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1742  
FOR: METHOD FOR REDUCING :  
CHROMIUM CONTAINING RAW  
MATERIAL

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 23, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.